



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Roger M. Snow

Examiner: Benjamin Layno

Serial No. 10/646,670

Group Art Unit: 3711

Filed: August 22, 2003

Docket No. PA0887.ap.US

Title: POKER GAME PLAYED AGAINST MULTIPLE DEALER HANDS

COMMUNICATION RE: ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the "Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due", dated June 13, 2005 (see enclosed copies), we submit the signed Issue Fee Transmittal along with Check No. 507476 in the amount of \$1,030.00 for the issue fee of \$700, Publication Fee of \$300, and \$30.00 for 10 additional copies.

Applicant assumes the application is now in proper order and in condition for issuance.

Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney at (952) 832-9090.

Respectfully submitted,

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment after final filed 01/24/05.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-15 and 17-21.

3. The drawings filed on 01 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited references alone or in combination teach the claimed step of "wherein each of the dealer's three hands must be of at least a minimum predetermined rank in order to play against the player or players".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

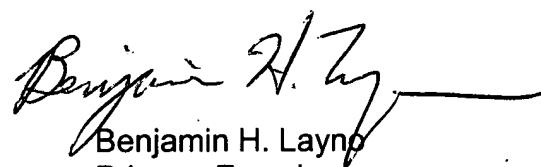
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin H. Layno whose telephone number is (571) 272-4424. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 1st Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571)272-4415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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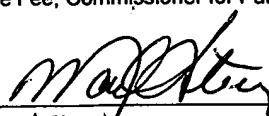
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